THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Oral Rehydration Salts are oral powders containing Glucose or Dextrose, Sodium Chloride, Potassium Chloride Sodium Bicarbonate and Sodium Citrate. Oral Rehydration Salts may contain suitable flavouring and sweetening agents.

(b) and (c) Specifications of individual ingredients i.e. inorganic salts and Glucose and Dextrose are mentioned in I.P. (Indian Pharmacopoeia), B.P. (British Pharmacopoeia) and U.S.P. (United States Pharmacopoia).

Production of Vinblastine and Vincrestine in the country

2215. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pelased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 794 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vinblasine and Vincrestine are anti cancer drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that both these drugs are produced in adequate quantity in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are being exported to USA, UK etc.;

(d) whether it is a fact that the finished formulations based on these drugs are manufacured and marketed in the country; and

(e) what are the considerations based on which Government recommended for import undner OGL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Permissions have been granted to the firms for the manufacture of these drugs in the country. However the production of drugs in the country is monitored by the Ministry of Industry.

(c) So far as this Ministry is aware, there is no ban on the export of these drugs under the Export Policy of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The import policy for the import of finished medicines is decided by the Ministry of Commerce, Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

Production of Danazol in the country

2216. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danazol is produced in the country in sufficient quantity;

(b) whether it is a fact that this drug is being exported in substantial quantity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that formulations based on indigenous material are manufactured and marketed in the country; and

(d) if so, on what consideration Government recommended for allowing the import under OGL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The quantitative production of drugs in the country is monitored by Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD), Ministry of Industry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The import Policy for the import of finished medicines is decided by Chief Controller of Imports and Experts, Ministry of Commerce.